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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

IPF:(1987-91) $228 000 000

(RAS/89/043) - Action Research Programme of Asia and the Pacif
Development Centre (APDC)

Date of approval by the AC:[1]	10 July 1991
Expected duration:	Three years
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	Asia and Pacific Development Centre (APDC)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 1 851 700 Source of funds: IPF

Project background

The Asia and Pacific Development Centre (APDC), inaugurated in July 1980, became an autonomous inter-governmental chartered institution in July 1983. Nineteen regional Governments have signed the APDC Charter and a twentieth is expected to sign soon. Its purpose as set out in the Charter is "the study, formulation, implementation, management and evaluation of development strategies and policies". To this end UNDP assistance was requested by Governments under the present approval.

UNDP has supported APDC since its inception, gradually reducing its contribution to institutional expenses in favour of programmes. The APDC acts as implementing agent for UNDP assistance under policies regulating Government execution.

A primary accomplishment of its activities to date has been the establishment of several networks of research, Governmental and academic institutions, allowing a regional cross current of findings and experiences in significant development pursuits.

The programme of APDC to be supported by UNDP in 1991-1993 consists of projects in six fields which have been selected on the basis of recommendations of an in-depth evaluation mission carried out in 1989-90 as well as on their appropriateness to UNDP priority themes for the Fifth Cycle programmes. Recommendations of the evaluation mission were based on questionnaires sent to participating Governments and institutions (82 completed questionnaires) and numerous interviews with participants in research and training activities. The six fields selected are also among those in which APDC's strengths were considered the highest.

[1] **This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.**

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) expand the programme of rural credit with a view to solidifying the methodologies applied, as a prototype for such activities in the region; (b) create a body of research on the access of poor women to gender-specific extension services, leading to policy guidelines applicable in the region; (c) formulate a practical, operational strategy for initiating and organizing a sustainable local resource management system, based on grass roots initiatives; (d) conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a research reference service in APDC; (e) continue and expand the public management training programme based on sub-region-specific strategies; and (f) establish the APENPLAN (The Asian and Pacific Energy Planning Network) as an autonomous regional forum, with a capacity to continue training and strategic planning in the energy field and updating and publishing of the Integrated Energy Planning Manual.

Inputs

UNDP will provide ten short-term consultants and advisory services in the above-mentioned fields; partial funding of five research assistants (147 work-months); travel of APDC co-ordinators, research assistants and lead scholars for project monitoring and implementation; costs of two headquarters monitoring missions; 27 grants to network institutions for research, group training; training materials and computer supplies; printing, publication and dissemination of reports; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	666 700
Subcontract	406 000
Training	609 900
Equipment	44 800
Miscellaneous	124 300
Total	1 851 700

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